

November 13, 2018

Seward Economic Development Program - LB 840 Application Review Board

November 13, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.

Seward Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 142 North 7th Street, Seward, Nebraska

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., with the following members present: John Owens, Ellen Beck, Ann Underwood, Patricia Coldiron, Jeremy Tonniges; Absent: Jessica Kolterman, Karl Miller, Patricia Johnson. Also in attendance were: Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership Director Jonathan Jank, City Administrator/Program Administrator Greg Butcher, Marilyn D. Varner, Deputy Clerk/Finance Director/Assistant Treasurer (recording minutes).

1. MINUTES -AUGUST 15, 2018

Moved by Owens, seconded by Tonniges, that the August 15, 2018 minutes be approved.

Aye: Beck, Underwood, Coldiron, Tonniges, Owens

Nay: None

Absent: Kolterman, Miller, Johnson. Motion carried.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT - REVIEW

Moved by Tonniges, seconded by Underwood, that the financial report ending October 31, 2018, be approved.

Aye: Owens, Beck, Underwood, Coldiron, Tonniges

Nay: None

Absent: Kolterman, Miller, Johnson. Motion carried.

3. SEWARD COUNTY CHAMBER & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP; SEWARD COUNTY HOUSING STUDY REQUEST FOR \$4,590.00

SCCDP Director Jonathan Jank reviewed that the last county-wide housing study is now five years old, so in order to help meet the requirements of Seward's Nebraska Economic Development Certified Community designation, it is now time to complete a new study. The County's housing needs continue to grow. The housing study is useful for developers, as they view the area's housing/development needs.

Inquiry was made as to when the housing study would be finished. Mr. Jank explained that a study usually takes six months to complete, with this study possibly being completed by July, 2019.

Some concern was expressed about the inaccuracy of the last housing study. Mr. Jank agreed with this concern, and felt that a new study should be more comprehensive. It was suggested that requests be sought from several firms who conduct these types of studies. The members agreed that more proposals should be requested.

Moved by Owens, seconded by Coldiron, to approve the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership request for partial funding of a Seward County Housing Study request for up to \$5,000.00, which may allow resources for consideration by additional consultants.

Aye: Beck, Underwood, Coldiron, Tonniges, Owens

Nay: None

Absent: Kolterman, Miller, Johnson. Motion carried.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. in a motion by Underwood, seconded by Tonniges.

Aye: Coldiron, Tonniges, Owens, Beck, Underwood

Nay: None

Absent: Kolterman, Miller, Johnson. Motion carried.